answer (d) that "no instance of this kind has come to notice so far". I would like to know whether this inference is from the answer given by the Assistant Director of Agriculture or have the Government taken any pains to enquire whether it is a fact or otherwise?

The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA.—This is the information sent by the Director of Agriculture.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

(to which answers were laid on the Table).

Relief works in drought affected areas in the State.

*Q.—**4. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY** (Kolar District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the areas affected by drought in the State during the current year;

(b) the arrangements made by them to study first-hand the difficulties of the people and the cattle in these areas;

(c) the steps taken by them to start relief works in these drought affected areas?

*A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA** (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(a) There were no acute cases of drought in the State, but parts of Mulbagal and Bangarpet Taluks in Kolar District, parts of Molakalmuru, Jagalur and Challakere in Chitaldrug District and Gundlupet, Chamarajanagar and Yelandur Taluks of Mysore District were affected. But subsequently conditions very much improved on account of later rains.

(b) The seasonal conditions in these areas were closely watched by Local Officers and the Revenue Commissioner and some of the Ministers toured in these parts and got into touch with the people and acquainted themselves with the conditions first-hand.

(c) In Chitaldrug District 18 road works under Rural Reconstruction were started and a sum of Rs. 50,000 was sanctioned by Government. In Kolar District 10 works were sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 65,800 and in Mysore District 11 relief works were undertaken to provide employment to labourers.

Prohibiting the lorry movement on the Harohalli-Maralavadi Road.

*Q.—**10. Sri S. KARIAPPA** (Bangalore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any order prohibiting the movement of lorries on the Harohalli—Maralavadi Road, Kankanhalli Taluk;

(b) on whose initiative that order was passed?

*A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA** (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The President, District Board, Bangalore.

Maralavadi-Hunsanahalli Forest Road.

*Q.—**14. Sri S. KARIAPPA** (Bangalore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the year in which the Maralavadi—Hunsanahalli Forest Road was constructed;

(b) the length of the road;

(c) the amount spent originally;

(d) the amount expended for maintenance (figures may please be given yearwar from the commencement to current year);

(e) the main purpose that prompted the construction of the road?